

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION IV

No. CA12-414

WILLIAM E. BLACK

APPELLANT

V.

BENTON COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT

APPELLEE

Opinion Delivered November 14, 2012

APPEAL FROM THE BENTON
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT,
[BPS-93-9]

HONORABLE DOUG SCHRANTZ,
JUDGE

DISMISSED

DAVID M. GLOVER, Judge

William Black makes a pro se attempt to appeal from the refusal to renew his process server's license pursuant to Administrative Order No. 20. He asserts in his statement of the case that he had been a properly appointed process server for the circuit courts of Benton County, Arkansas, since 1991 and that he complied with the procedures related to such appointment every year during that time period. He further states that he submitted his petition to renew the appointment on December 28, 2011, but that his petition was declined, and he was notified of that decision with a letter dated January 24, 2012, from Circuit Judge Doug Schrantz, the administrative judge of the Benton County Circuit Court. The letter provided, "The Circuit Judges of Benton County, Nineteenth Judicial District West, have unanimously declined to renew your appointment to serve as a civil process server in this circuit." It is from this letter that Mr. Black attempts to appeal,



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characterizing it as a “Final Order and Judgment of the Circuit Court.” Mr. Black contends that the “circuit court erred in denying his petition to serve process without hearing or provision for appellant to respond, thereby acting arbitrarily, capriciously and abusing discretion.” We dismiss the matter.

Black’s application for appointment was styled, “petition for renewal of appointment and authorization to serve legal process”; it was file-marked December 28, 2011. Neither act converts the application into a pleading. Before us, there is no pleading requesting a hearing or an explanation regarding the decision not to renew Black’s license, no circuit court order, and no file-mark on the January 24, 2012 letter. Nothing in Administrative Order No. 20 provides for an appeal from a mere letter announcing the refusal to renew. Without instituting judicial proceedings in this case to challenge the decision and receiving a court order regarding the same, we are without jurisdiction to hear this “appeal.”

Dismissed.

GLADWIN and GRUBER, JJ., agree.

William E. Black, pro se.

Dustin McDaniel, Att’y Gen., by: *Ali Brady*, Ass’t Att’y Gen., for appellee.